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SUBJ: EXTRADITION - ROBERT L. VESCO

REF: (A) STATE 221891; (B) STATE 222142; (C) STATE 222166

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1. EMBASSY GRATEFUL FOR INFORMATION CONTAINED REFTELS.
2. PERTINENT PORTIONS OF REF A GIVEN TO WALLACE-WHITFIELD.
THIS WAS SUPPLEMENTED BY MATERIAL BROUGHT TO NASSAU BY MURRAY STEIN OF JUSTICE. EMBASSY AND JUSTICE DEPT ATTORNEYS BELIEVE WE HAVE ENOUGH MATERIAL ON HAND ON THE PROBLEM OF VALIDITY OF CONTINUED APPLICATION OF US-UK EXTRADITION TREATY TO THE BAHAMAS. THEREFORE, IT WILL NOT BE NECESSARY FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO SEND AN ATTORNEY FROM THE OFFICE OF THE LEGAL ADVISER. FURTHERMORE, PAUL ADDERLEY HAS INDICATED TO WALLACE-WHITFIELD THAT GCOB WOULD STEP IN TO SUPPORT OUR POSITION SINCE AN ATTACK ON THE VALIDITY OF THE EXTRADITION TREATY WOULD CALL INTO QUESTION ALL OTHER EXISTING TREATIES. FYI: THE CAB IS CONSIDERING AN APPLICATION BY THE BAHAMIAN FLAG AIRLINE FOR A FOREIGN AIR CARRIER PERMIT THIS WEEK, BASED ON US-UK BILATERAL AIR AGREEMENT. IF NECESSARY THIS COULD BE USED TO INDICATE THAT THE GCOB IN ADDITION TO NOTIFICATION TO THE UNSYG HAS ACTED IN A MANNER TO SHOW THAT US-UK TREATIES REMAIN IN FORCE.

3. REGARDING QUESTION OF BAIL (REF B) EMBASSY AND JUSTICE

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TEAM BELIEVE THAT QUESTION OF EITHER INCREASING AMOUNT OR

COMPLETELY REFUSING BAIL SHOULD NOT BE RAISED WITH THE COURT
PRIOR TO TUESDAY'S HEARING. SHOULD THE JUDGE ORDER VESCO'S
EXTRADITION, IT IS LIKELY THAT THE DECISION WOULD BE APPEALED.
AT THAT POINT WALLACE-WHITFIELD WOULD INSIST THAT HE BE HELD
WITHOUT BAIL PENDING HIS APPEAL.
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